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HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VIEUX ROAD, E.C.

LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 18TH, 1907.

AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, THE COMMENTS UPON THE PROMOTION OF THE CHINA INVESTMENT CORPORATION, WHICH WE REPRODUCED FROM THE COLUMNS OF OUR SHANGHAI CONTEMPORARY, HAVE ELICITED REPLIES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION HAS REPLIED WITH SOME HEAT, AND THE AMERICAN CONSUL HAS EXPLAINED HOW HE STANDS OFFICIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE NEW CONCERN. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS THE SCHEME WITH ANY CONFIDENCE, THOUGH ON THE STRENGTH OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AT CANTON, WE CANNOT AVOID ENTERTAINING DOUBTS OF ITS VALUE TO THE PUBLIC. IF ANY OF THE GENTLEMEN INTERESTED SEND US THE NECESSARY FULL PARTICULARS, AS WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING WOULD BE DONE, WE WILL EXAMINE AND REPORT ON THEM AS FAIRLY AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, THE PRESIDENT'S IDEA OF THE VALUE OF PUBLICITY DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE QUITE ORTHODOX. HE APPEARS TO THINK THAT NEWSPAPERS HAVE NO DUTY IN SUCH A CONNECTION, WHEN HE WROTE:

"SO FAR AS YOU HAVE SET FORTH FACTS REGARDING OUR COMPANY, WE THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION. WHEREIN YOU PASS TO EDITORIAL CONCLUSION, AND LAUNCH UPON AN ATTACK AGAINST OUR INTERESTS, WE SPECIFICALLY ASK YOU TO INSPECT THE ORDINANCE OF GOD OR MAN THAT PLACES YOU IN JUDGEMENT OVER US. MOST PEOPLE CLAIMING CIVILISATION HAVE PROPERLY CONSTITUTED TRIBUNALS FOR ADJUDICATION. AMONGST SUCH PEOPLE PROPERTY RIGHTS ARE NOT DESTROYED AND LIVES BLIGHTED UPON THE WHIM OF INDIVIDUALS OR IN RETALIATION FOR BUSINESS COMPETITION. WITH THIS CLASS OF PEOPLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST FURTHER, THAT WHEN RIGHTS COME TO ARBITRAMENT, THE ACCUSED OR DEFENDANT IS NOT CONDEMNED UNTIL HIS CASE IS HEARD. THEM

EVIDENCE IS WEIGHED, AND THEN ONLY, IS JUDGEMENT DELIVERED. YOU HAVE OCCUPIED THE BENCH OF A SELF-CONSTITUTED JUDGE, AND YOU HAVE DELIVERED JUDGEMENT WITHOUT OUR ATTACKED INTERESTS BEING HEARD. YOU HAVE ASSUMED THE ABILITY TO PASS ON COMPLICATED INVESTMENT AFFAIRS, WHICH OCCUPY THE FULL LIVES OF SOME MEN IN LABORIOUS WORK."

THAT IS MERE HIGHFLUTIN' NONSENSE, EVEN IF IT HAD NOT BEEN THE CASE, AS OUR CONTEMPORARY EXPLAINS, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD HIMSELF INVITED CRITICISM, REQUESTED THE ATTENDANCE OF A REPORTER, COMPLAINED OF THE ABSENCE OF A REPORT, SUBMITTED A COPY OF THE CORPORATION'S BOND, AND VERBALLY CHALLENGED INVESTIGATION. IF HE HAD CHOSEN TO IGNORE THE NEWSPAPERS ALTOGETHER, IT WOULD STILL HAVE BEEN THEIR DUTY, IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR READERS, TO INVESTIGATE A CONCERN THAT WAS INVITING SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PROMISING A GOOD INVESTMENT.

THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTS THAT THE LETTER TO THE PAPER ASKING FOR INFORMATION AND EDITORIAL ADVICE WAS NOT GENUINE; CLAIMS THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CORPORATION OFFICIALS FOR REPLY; STATES THAT REGISTRATION AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE PROVES THAT THE CORPORATION IS LEGALLY ORGANISED AND CONSTITUTED; MENTIONS THAT SO FAR JUDGE WILFLEY'S OBSERVATIONS (IF MADE) ABOUT THE CORPORATION, CANNOT COUNT; HE COULD ONLY SAY HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT, SINCE ITS AFFAIRS HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM; SAYS THAT IT IS ERRONEOUS TO STATE THAT ALL SIMILAR COMPANIES HAVE COME TO GRIEF—MANY OF THEM ARE STILL OPERATING, WITH INCREASING ASSETS, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENCE; THAT ANY IMPROPERLY MANAGED COMPANY MAY FAIL; ANNOUNCES THAT IT WAS NO SECRET THE PAID-UP CAPITAL AMOUNTS TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, A QUITE AMPLIUM SUM; AND ARGUES:

"YOU HAVE KINDLY TAKEN UP THE ARGUMENTS OF OUR BUSINESS RIVALS. YOU THINK THERE IS NO ANALOGY BETWEEN OUR BOND AND A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY. THE ANALOGY IS ALMOST COMPLETE, SAYS THAT OUR OBLIGATIONS ARE REDONE IN NUMERICAL ORDER, AFTER MATURITY; STRAIGHT LIFE INSURANCE OBLIGATIONS ARE REDONE AFTER DEATH OF THE INSURED. OUR PAYMENTS ARE LIKE PREMIUM PAYMENTS; OUR APPLICATION OF FUNDS IS TO CREATION OF A RESERVE FOR REDEMPTION, AND TO OPERATING EXPENSES; OUR RESERVE IS INVESTED AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE INTEREST, TO INCREASE THE RETURNS OF THE BONDHOLDERS. WE ELIMINATE THE DEATH RISK AND SUBSTITUTE A FIXED ORDER OF PAYMENT OF REDEMPTION. INSURANCE ACTUARIES TELL EXACTLY WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL INSURED WILL DIE ANNUALLY, AND ESTABLISH PREMIUM RATES TO MEET THESE LOSSES; OUR INVESTMENT ACTUARIES KNOW WITH CERTAINTY THE NUMBER OF POLICY HOLDERS THAT WILL CONTINUE THEIR PAYMENTS UNTIL MATURITY, AND FIX THE AMOUNTS THAT MUST BE RAISED BY INVESTMENT OF FUNDS TO MEET THE OUTLAY. THE ANALOGY IS MORE PERFECT WHEN CONSIDERING OUR PLAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENDOWMENT OR INVESTMENT POLICY ISSUED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES. THESE HAVE BEEN THE SECRET OF THE ENORMOUS GROWTH OF INSURANCE BUSINESS. THEIR CHARGE, ABOVE THE STRAIGHT LIFE RISK, IS NOTHING MORE THAN TAKING YOUR MONEY IN SMALL INSTALMENTS TO INVEST FOR YOU. THE GREAT COMPANIES HAVE AMASSED ALMOST INCREDIBLE RESERVES AND ASSETS, THUS SHOWING THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO REPAY A SMALL INTEREST WITH THE PRINCIPLE, AND YET ACCUMULATE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THE RESERVES. OUR PLAN WHICH IS WELL TRIED AND SUCCESSFUL, IS TO PAY LESS COMMISSION TO AGENTS ON PREMIUMS AND INVEST RESERVE IN LOCAL REALTY YIELDING HIGHER INTEREST THAN IS POSSIBLE FOR THE GREAT COMPANIES INVESTING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS. YOUR EXAMPLE OF OUR 13% MONTHLY \$8 PAYMENTS, COMPOUNDED FOR ELEVEN YEARS, IS TO THE POINT; BUT MISAPPLIED. YOU HAVE ONE BANK ADVERTISING IN YOUR COLUMNS THAT IT WILL PAY ON FIXED DEPOSIT 5% PER CENT, SHOWING THAT THE VERY LOWEST PAID IN THE COMMUNITY IS ABOUT EQUAL TO YOUR SUPPOSED RATE. AN AVERAGE OF 8% PER CENT FOR THE INVESTMENT COMPANY IS CONSERVATIVE, FOR A MUCH BETTER FIGURE IS BEING CONSTANTLY EARNED HERE. TAKE THE \$3 MONTHLY INSTAMENTS, FOR 134 MONTHS, COMPOUNDED EIGHT PER CENT INTEREST; AND THE RESULT IS ABOUT \$1,100.00—\$100.00 MORE THAN THE EXACT AMOUNT OF OUR GUARANTEE. IT HAS BEEN PROVED IN EVERY INSURANCE OR INVESTMENT COMPANY OPENED THAT THE COMPANY ALWAYS REALIZES VASTLY GREATER PROFIT THAN INTEREST RETURNS FROM THE RESERVE INVESTMENTS, BECAUSE OF LAPSSES, FORFEITURES AND CASH SURRENDERS. AS FAR AS THE INSURANCE NOTARY'S TABLE, IS THIS EARNING. IF EVERY MAN INSURED DIED DURING THE EARLY LIFE OF HIS POLICY, INSURANCE COMPANIES CHARGING PRESENT RATES WOULD FAIL; BUT SO EASILY IS THE MORTALITY ESTIMATE THAT INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE AS SOLID AS ROCK. OUR ACTUARY ESTIMATE OF FORFEITURES, ETC., ARE ALMOST EQUALLY UNERRING. OUR FAIR INTEREST INCOME PROMISES ENOUGH TO MEET OBLIGATIONS, WHILE THE BIG PROFIT CERTAIN TO ACCRUE FROM FORFEITURES, ETC., WILL MEET ALL OTHER EXPENDITURES AND PAY THE BONDHOLDERS A HAND-SOME PROFIT ABOVE THE GUARANTEE."

AFTER THAT HE SAYS THE CORPORATION WILL HAVE FIVE SATISFACTORY TRUSTEES, ALREADY ARRANGED FOR; THAT IT LOSES BY PAYING ANNUAL INTEREST AND NOT THE INVESTOR; THAT ITS INVESTORS ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO TO ENGLAND, WHERE THEIR HEIRS WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PREVENTING FORFEITURE OF MONIES PAID IN; BUT THAT IN ANY CASE THEY WOULD HAVE SIX MONTHS GRACE IN WHICH TO RENEW THE PAYMENTS; THAT THE RESERVE IS IN NO WORSE CASE THAN MANY OTHER COMPANIES; AND THAT THE CORPORATION WILL BE UNDER THE SAME PUBLICITY SUFFERED BY ALL OTHER COMPANIES.

WE HAVE TRIED FAITHFULLY TO GIVE THE GIST OF THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY, WHICH CONTAINS MUCH THAT WE COULD NOT BE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO PUBLISH.

OUR CONTEMPORARY MILDLY REBUKES HIM FOR HEAT, IRRELEVANCE, AND RHETORICAL EXAGGERATION, AND SAYS:

"THE TWO INSTANCES REFERRED TO BY ME OF SIMILAR SCHEMES IN DIFFERENT GUISES PROVING FAILURE IN AMERICA AND HAWAII OCCURRED IN KAMIA CITY IN 1905 AND AT HONOLULU THIS YEAR. IN THE FORMER (TO QUOTE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE) THE COMPANY 'WROTE CONTRACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO OBLIGATED THEMSELVES TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS FOR EIGHTY WEEKS, AT THE END OF WHICH THE INDIVIDUALS WERE TO RECEIVE HIS MONEY BACK WITH A VERY LIBERAL RATE OF INTEREST.' IT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE FOLLOWED THE CAREER OF ALL SIMILAR CONCERNES

FROM MR. BLACK'S STATEMENTS IT IS CLEAR THAT IN SPITE OF UNTOWARD RESULTS AT CANTON, HONOLULU, AND KANSA CITY THE SCHEME HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL. THIS CONFIRMS OUR CONTENTION THAT, WHILE THERE IS NO INHERENT REASON WHY THE SCHEME UNDER CAREFUL MANAGEMENT SHOULD NOT SUCCEED, SUCH CAREFUL MANAGEMENT IS A SINE QUA NON."

FINALLY, IN AN INTERVIEW, THE AMERICAN CONSUL STATED THAT THE CONSULAR CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION GUARANTEED NO MORE THAN IT SAID ON THE FACE OF IT; THE CORPORATION, HE WAS ADVISED, APPEARED TO BE ORGANISED REGULARLY ACCORDING TO AMERICAN LAW. WHETHER INTEREST THE CONSULAR OFFICIALS MIGHT TAKE IN THE CONCERN IN THEIR PRIVATE CAPACITIES WAS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS OFFICIAL SUPPORT AND COUNTENANCE. BEYOND THAT ITS BUSINESS WAS LEGAL AND ITS ORGANISATION REGULAR, THE CONSULATE HAD NO GUARANTEE TO OFFER, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ITS BUSINESS TO DO SO. THERE WOULD BE NO OFFICIAL SCRUTINY OF ITS ACCOUNTS.

Mrs. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH, DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, HAS BEEN OPERATED UPON FOR APPENDICITIS.

THE BELGIAN NEWSPAPERS ARE AGAIN MAKING OPEN REFERENCE TO KING LEOPOLD AND HIS YOUNG MORGANATIC WIFE WHOM HE CREATED 'BARONNES VAUGHAN'. THE BARONNES HAS LATELY GIVEN BIRTH TO A SON, AND TWO CONSERVATIVE ORGANISATIONS (IF MADE) ABOUT THE CORPORATION, CANNOT COUNT; HE COULD ONLY SAY HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT, SINCE ITS AFFAIRS HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE HIM; SAYS THAT IT IS ERRONEOUS TO STATE THAT ALL SIMILAR COMPANIES HAVE COME TO GRIEF—MANY OF THEM ARE STILL OPERATING, WITH INCREASING ASSETS, SECURITY, AND CONFIDENCE; THAT ANY IMPROPERLY MANAGED COMPANY MAY FAIL; ANNOUNCES THAT IT WAS NO SECRET THE PAID-UP CAPITAL AMOUNTS TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, A QUITE AMPLIUM SUM; AND ARGUES:

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WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM MEARS, KELLY AND WALSH, LTD., THEIR IMPERIAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE DIARY AND ALMANAC FOR 1908. THIS WELL-KNOWN BOOK IS IN THE 22ND YEAR OF PUBLICATION; IT IS INTERLEAVED WITH BLOTTING PAPER, AND IS THE PREMIER DIARY OF ITS KIND IN THE EAST. IT CONTAINS MUCH INFORMATION OF LOCAL INTEREST, AND AS UTILITY HAS BEEN KEPT IN VIEW IN ITS COMPILED, THE MERCHANT OR THE PROFESSIONAL MAN WILL FIND IT AN INVALUABLE ACQUISITION FOR THE OFFICE.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE OFFICERS, THE BAND OF THE 129TH (DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S OWN) BALUCHI WILL PLAY THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMME OF MUSIC DURING DINNER AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING:

MARCH.—"ENTERPRISE," Wm. Clark. Overture.—"LA FAUSTINE," Kling. Valse.—"CARROZZANTE," Lambert. Selection.—"THE MERRY WIDOW," Lehár. CORNET SOLO.—"THE STAR OF ENGLAND," Fairall. BONANZA.—"POPPIES," Moret. Selection.—"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND," Rubens. Intermezzo.—"ENDOURE," Andre.

THE TIME OF CEYLON ON NOVEMBER 29 SAYS:

"IT WILL INTEREST MANY OF OUR READERS TO HEAR THAT BEFORE SAILING, MR. J. HENRIK HEATON, M.R., PERSONALLY ASSURED US THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH SIGNOR MARCONI AND PLACE THE CASE OF CEYLON BEFORE HIM BOTH AS REGARDS MINICOOY AND SINGAPORE. MR. HEATON WAS INFORMED THAT H.E. THE GOVERNOR HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY STATION AT MINICOOY; AND AS FOR THE TERRIBLY HEAVY TELEGRAPHIC CHARGES BETWEEN CEYLON AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, HE IS ARMED WITH THE ACTUAL CHARGES, WHICH ARE AS ELOQUENT OF THE SHIFTING MONOPOLY AS ANYTHING WE KNOW OF. ONE WIRELESS STATION AT MINICOOY, AND ANOTHER AT SINGAPORE, WITH THE CEYLON STATION AT GALLE OR COLOMBO, WOULD RENDER SPLENDID SERVICE."

AFER WEEKS OF GLOOM, CHEERFULNESS REIGNED ON NOVEMBER 19TH IN THE FINANCIAL WORLDS OF LONDON, NEW YORK, PARIS, BERLIN, AND OTHER CENTRES. AN EXCHANGE SAYS:—THE SUDEN CHANGE WAS DUE TO THE ADOPTION OF RELIEF MEASURES BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, MEASURES WHICH BRING THE END OF THE MONEY CRISIS WITHIN SIGHT AND WHICH WILL, IT IS HOPE, STOP THE DRAIN OF GOLD BY AMERICA FROM ENGLAND, AND SO RENDER FEASIBLE THE LOWERING OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S 7% PER CENT RATE TO NORMAL FIGURES. WITH THE APPROVAL OF MR. ROOSEVELT, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY WILL ISSUE \$10,000,000 OF PANAMA CANAL BONDS AND \$20,000,000 OF TREASURY CERTIFICATES. THE BONDS WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY SUBSCRIBE, WILL FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE BANKS AND SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR FRESH ISSUES OF NOTES. THE CERTIFICATES, WITH WHICH THE BANKS ALONE ARE CONCERNED, ARE DESIGNED FOR THAT VERY PURPOSE. THE EFFECT WILL THEREFORE BE TO INCREASE THE CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY BY NO LESS THAN \$30,000,000.

A SINGAPORE WIT WRITES:—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, HAS PULLED OUT HIS VOICE TO RELEAVE STOP OVER HIS REFERENCE TO JAPAN. IT IS "A CALL TO ARMS," FROM THE EMBRACING, NOT THE MILITANT, POINT OF VIEW. FIVE YEARS HENCE THERE IS GOING TO BE A GRAND INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION AT TOKYO, AND THE U.S. PRESIDENT COMMENDS THAT ENTERPRISE TO THE KINDLY CONSIDERATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WITH A SPECIAL BENEFICENCE OF HIS OWN. THAT IS REALISMS OF HIM. THEN AGAIN AT WASHINGTON IT IS REPORTED THAT THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS TO BE COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT TOKYO TO INVITE THE U.S. BATTLESHIP FLEET TO YOKOHAMA DURING ITS PACIFIC CRUISE. AND FIGHTING BOB EVANS, WHO SAID SOME PUGNACIOUS THINGS A WHILE AGO, WILL NOW REAPON ON AS GENTLY AS ANY SUCKING DOVE, AND DECLARES THAT NOTHING WILL PLEASE HIM BETTER THAN TO GET THE CHANCE OF GOING TO YOKOHAMA, WHERE HE AVE, "HE IS SURE OF A SPLENDID AND HEARTY WELCOME." "SINGING, TOC-ALI-LAL-AL-LOAL-HI-HI."

THE TWO INSTANCES REFERRED TO BY ME OF SIMILAR SCHEMES IN DIFFERENT GUISES PROVING FAILURE IN AMERICA AND HAWAII OCCURRED IN KAMIA CITY IN 1905 AND AT HONOLULU THIS YEAR. IN THE FORMER (TO QUOTE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE) THE COMPANY "WROTE CONTRACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO OBLIGATED THEMSELVES TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS FOR EIGHTY WEEKS, AT THE END OF WHICH THE INDIVIDUALS WERE TO RECEIVE HIS MONEY BACK WITH A VERY LIBERAL RATE OF INTEREST." IT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO HAVE FOLLOWED THE CAREER OF ALL SIMILAR CONCERNES

A FOREIGN ADMIRAL HAS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT, IN CONSTRUCTING THE DREADNOUGHT WE HAVE MADE A GREAT MISTAKE. STILL WE HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF HAVING MISLED OUR RIVALS, ALL OF WHOM ARE BUSY COPYING HER.

THE U.S. HUMOURIST, MR. DOOLEY SAYS:—"I GIVE GREAT CREDIT TO GEORGE B. CORDLIOO, J. PIERPOINT MORGAN, LORD RITCHIE-SCHILD, JAWN D. ROCKYFELLER, THE BANKS IN AMERICA, THE CLEARING HOUSE COMITY, THE CLEARING OUT COMITY, AND ALL THOSE BRAVE AND GALLANT FOLKS WHO HAVE STOOD FIRMLY WITH THEIR BACKS TO THE WALL AND DECLARED THAT ANY MONEY TAKEN OUT OF THEIR INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN OVER THEIR DEAD BODIES. THEY HAVE BEHAVED AS AMERICAN GENTLEMEN SHOULD BEHOLD WHILST FOOLISH CIRCUMSTANCES COMPEL THEM TO BEHAVE THAT WAY. I'VE GOT TO CONFESS TO YE THAT TH' THANKS IS TH' NATION, A LITTLE BIT LATE, BUT VERY CORJAL, ARE DUE TO TH' BOYS THAT NEVER HAD A CENT IN TH' BANKS AND NEVER WILL HAVE. NO AIR, YE CAN'T BEAT IT AN' TH' PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO MONEY THAT CAUSES PANICS. PANICS ARE TH' RESULT IN TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVING MONEY. TH' TOP IS GOOD TIMES IS HARD TIMES, AND TH' BOTTOM IS HARD TIMES IN GOOD TIMES."

A STABBING AFFRAY.

CHATER ROAD WAS THE SCENE OF AN AFFRAY YESTERDAY WHICH IN ALL PROBABILITY WILL END SERIOUSLY. A DEBT OF TEN CENTS WAS THE CAUSE OF A QUARREL BETWEEN TWO COOLIES, IN WHICH A PENKNIFE PLAYED A PART. THE MAN TO WHOM THIS MONEY HAD BEEN OWING FOR SOMETIME DEMANDED PAYMENT, BUT THE OTHER MAN TOLD HIM TO APPLY FOR PAYMENT ANOTHER TIME, AND THUS THE QUARREL STARTED. THE BORROWER WAS A SMALL MAN, WHILE THE LENDER WAS BIG AND POWERFUL, AND AS THE FORMER THOUGHT THE FIGHT WAS UNEQUAL HE DRAWN A PENKNIFE AND STABBED HIS OPPONENT IN THE ABDOMEN. THEN A POLICEMAN ARRIVED, ARRESTED THE FIGHTERS AND CONVEYED THEM TO THE CENTRAL STATION. THE WOUNDED MAN WAS REMOVED TO HOSPITAL, AND THE OTHER WAS DETAINED. HE ADMITTED STABBING HIS OPPONENT, AND STATED THAT HE DID SO BECAUSE HIS OPPONENT WAS A BIGGER MAN.

A STABBING AFFRAY.

THE BELGIAN NEWSPAP

PARIS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

November 8th.

UNGALLANT FRENCH!

Are the French losing their reputation as a gallant race? While sincerely hoping that this is not the case, one cannot but express regret at their behaviour a few evenings ago, on the occasion of the production at the Gymnas. Théâtre of "Joujon Tragique," a new play in four acts by Mlle. Jeanne d'Orla, a young lady belonging to a good French family. Though the play was not a success, this was no reason for its brutal reception on the part of the audience. The fact that the play in question is much too literary and amateurish, had been written by a young lady who had never challenged the opinion of the public, ought to have been taken into consideration. Unfortunately, Parisian audiences are quick to applaud, and just as quick to condemn. Strange to say that the women in the audience, as usual, were most cruel to one of their sex. Many by way of showing their disapproval, not to say disgust, kept up a running dialogue from start to the end, of ill-tempered comment, called the play "idiotic," while they further added insult to injury by laughing immoderately at the most solemn passages of the piece. These fashionably-dressed ladies, however, were not the only offenders, for more than once the voices of the actors on the stage were drowned by the ironic laughter which came from every part of the house. This was, to say the least, brutal, insolent, and cruel, and such unusual treatment must have inflicted terrible suffering to the young authoress. Newspaper critics the next day also handled the play as roughly, though some of the reporters displayed much tact by condemning the conduct of the audience the night before, and which was a terrible blow to the traditions of the old French gallantry. In spite of the hostile reception, Mlle. Polaire defended the piece most heroically; she could not have fought more nobly to the end, without weakness and without defiance thinking so to do to pacify those who had shown themselves so merciless. Unfortunately by the "tiger" were much too heartless and too cruel to be vanquished by any appeal to their better feelings, and so the brave but inexperienced girl who certainly had done her best, and failed, was sacrificed to make a Paris spectacle. The story of the unsuccessful play may be briefly described as follows. It is that of a young girl, Simone, who comes from nowhere, and who, by her fascinating ways and wondrously beautiful eyes, subjugates Pierre Cerlac, whose hair is already turning grey, and whose aristocratic family is scandalised at his marriage with the mysterious and enigmatic work girl. But he turns his back on those who find fault with his marriage—Simone is his "joujon" or toy, and she is destined to be a "joujon tragique." Cerlac has a melancholy nephew, Jean, who in spite of Simone's efforts to prevent it, falls victim to the love which she inspires within him. At Venice the thrilling beauty of the night precipitates the catastrophe, and Cerlac surprises his wife and Jean exchanging their first passionate kiss. The denouement is terrible, for Jean, driven mad by remorse, puts out Simone's eyes, these fatal eyes which have been his undoing. The play which is somewhat pretty and simple may meet with better luck elsewhere, in the Provinces, or abroad, where critics are less severe, and more gallant towards women.

A JUBILEE.

There are few celebrated men more popular both in and out of France than M. Léopold Delisle, the late chief librarian of the Bibliothèque Nationale who is about to celebrate the fiftieth year of his membership of the Institute of France. Great preparations are being made by his colleagues of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres to make the occasion a most worthy one. Owing to M. Léopold Delisle having two years ago lost his wife, who was his right hand and helpmate for fifty years, the ceremony will bring back sad or rather joyful thoughts into the selected author's mind, for no one deserved to be more publicly thanked for what she had done in the way of contributing to her husband's success than Madame Delisle, of whom literary France has every reason to feel proud. For his numerous works, which rank as classics among the saus, M. Delisle refuses to take all the credit to himself; his poor wife for fifty years proved his most precious collaborator and a most genuine helpmate. During the two years which have elapsed since her death, he remarked to a friend a few days ago, "I see her image continually before my eyes. Almost on every page of my work I find some trace of her constant aid and her vigilant affection. I never understood the extent of her influence until I read her manuscripts. Then I learned that she was in the habit of studying in secret all the questions which interested me so that she might be able to discuss them with me in the most profitable manner. Since our marriage I never wrote a line that she did not read. Often she corrected my manuscripts, and some of them were partly written by her. She was very touchy on the subject of this collaboration. She refused to admit it even to our most intimate friends, and if they insisted on making allusions to it she would get angry with them. My late wife possessed a very well-instructed mind. Her grandfather, the grammarian Barnouf, had developed her young intelligence in the same way as he trained the rhetoricians of Louis the Great. Besides, she had grown up in close proximity to the study of her father, the perpetual secretary of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres. From the first days of our marriage she consecrated herself entirely to my labours, for we had no children. I was married in June, 1857, and in December of that year I was elected to the Institute. The two anniversaries are therefore too near each other for the second to be celebrated otherwise than in the most intimate manner. My friends wish to offer me a medal, and I have said I will accept it

with gratitude. But I have asked them to abandon all ceremony at the meeting at which I shall receive their souvenir, for the sake of the one whom I have lost, and who I will never cease to mourn."

MARRIAGE LAWS.

The new French marriage law contains certain provisions of interest to British subjects who may be contemplating marriage in this country. In the first place one publication is substituted for the two successive publications hitherto required. This publication need not be originally posted upon a Sunday, as has been the case hitherto; it must, however, remain posted for at least ten days, which period must include two Sundays. The marriage can then be celebrated upon the tenth day, not including that of publication, or within a year thereafter. If this year is allowed to elapse, a new publication in the same form must be made. An important change is effected in Article 74 of the Civil Code; this article hitherto provided that the marriage must be celebrated within the commune where one of the two parties has his or her domicile, proceeding to explain that this domicile for the purpose of marriage is constituted by six months' continuous residence in the same commune. Up to the present, therefore, foreigners have been unable to marry in France unless one of them has continuously resided in the same commune for six months prior to the celebration. By the new law this period is reduced to one month's continuous residence. The whole of Paris is considered as one commune for the purposes of the said article. Another provision which is equally as interesting, as showing the trend of French legislation towards facilitating marriage, is the change in Article 142 of the Code, which puts the son and the daughter on the same footing in respect to parental consent. Formerly a son up to the age of 25 required the consent of his parents, while the daughter could marry without the consent of her parents at 21. Now both sons and daughters are released from parental consent at the latter age. Time too.

THE NEW GUN.

Although the French Army remains unshaken in the belief that its new machine gun, firing 630 balls a minute, is the most formidable in the world, certain important defects have been pointed out in all the gunnery camps where it has been tested. Owing to its practically uncrossing fire guns, generate which throw it out of gear, though in some cases 10,000 shots have been fired without revealing any fault. The general at St. Etienne has been furnished with designs for modifications which will remedy the defect, allowing for which officers believe that no regiment could advance 500 yards without most of its men and horses being hit, owing to the gun's differential action.

LE TROISIÈME BOULANGER.

Mr. Duval Arnould, Municipal Councillor for the sixth arrondissement considers that the rolling platform would offer an excellent solution of the question how to provide rapid transport for the inhabitants of the circle formed by the Grande Boulevards on the North, and the Boulevard St. Germain on the South side of the Seine. "The passengers" he says, "could get on and off conveniently at each point of access, and it seems indubitable that this system would give transport capacity much superior to that of the trains, however close they might follow on each other. Besides, the rolling pavement would offer the public greater safety and certainly no ventilation." These views are shared by several other Councillors.

Though the Mello continues to prove a great blessing to everyone in Paris who places any value on his time, it is so popular that at certain hours of the day it is impossible to get a seat, but a place. It is with the object of remedying this drawback that the idea of the rolling platform—which proved such an attraction during the Exhibition of 1900—is so strongly recommended in spite of the objections of the City engineers. The experiment is likely to be tried shortly in Paris, and, if successful, as most people believe it will, the Municipality will not hesitate to give the project greater extension.

IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN OPIUM INTO CHINA.

According to the report on the foreign trade of China for the year 1906 by Sir Alexander Hosie, the Acting Commercial Attaché to his Majesty's Legation at Peking, one of the most salient features of the import trade during that year was the increase in the quantity of foreign opium. This statement will come as an unfortunate surprise to those interested in the anti-opium movement, more especially in view of the fact that Sir Alexander, in his report for the previous year, tried to show that the import of foreign opium was on the decline, and that, in face of the increasing consumption of the native drug, its doom in China was sealed. The amount imported last year was over 300,000 lbs. in excess of the amount imported in the previous year, and the increase is accounted for by the fact that the extension of the uniform tax on native opium, the lowering of the reserve price in India, and the drop caused by the anti-opium regulations (issued on September 20, 1906) had the effect of bringing the price of the cheaper varieties of Indian opium much nearer the price of the product of China. The increase in the quantity imported does not necessarily imply that a larger quantity of opium was actually consumed, but it seems to indicate a change to considerations of prior native opium was, to some extent, replaced by Indian opium. In this connexion it is interesting to note that the Review of the Trade of India in 1906-7, which has just been published, contains the following paragraph:—"The opium trade during the latter part of the year 1906-7 was largely influenced by the proposals of the Chinese Government for its ultimate abolition and for the early doubling of the import duty. Doubts have been suggested in well-informed quarters as to the Chinese Government's power to abolish the internal traffic, and it is believed by shippers with a good knowledge of China that the era under contrivance in certain parts of that country is being increased to make good any shortage in supply as may result from restriction on the imports from India. The proposal to increase the Chinese duty and the uncertainty as to when it may come into force have, moreover, discouraged Indian shippers and created an uneasy feeling among cultivators, who, although they had a good crop last year, are said to be now contemplating a reduction of area."

JAPAN.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Tokyo, December 3rd.

SETTLEMENT OF THE CANADIAN QUESTION. On Monday the first conference took place between Mr. Rodolph Lemieux, K.C., Postmaster-General and Minister of Labour for the Dominion of Canada, and Count Hayashi, Japanese Foreign Minister. The conference, which lasted several hours, took place in the Foreign Office, there being also present besides the above-mentioned statesmen, Sir Claude MacDonald, British Ambassador, and Baron Chinda, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Lemieux has been several weeks in Tokyo and last night was the guest of honour at a banquet given by prominent Tokyo citizens.

Although the first official conference has been long in taking place, it is probable that, officially, everything of importance has already been practically decided upon and that some new form of supplementary agreement will be concluded to suit the present condition of the immigration question in Canada. Although the Tokyo press has dwelt at length upon the fact that Canada cannot back out of its agreement with Japan, it should be borne in mind that during the past year or so certain developments have taken place in America which make it necessary for the statesmen of both Japan and America to consider their relations anew. And we may rest assured that Count Hayashi with not fail to recognise the new difficulties that have arisen in Canada and that both he and Mr. Lemieux will come to some satisfactory arrangement.

VISCOUNT AOKI'S RECALL.

Some surprise is now being experienced at the recall of the Japanese Ambassador to Washington, and Reuter's special reports from Washington show how the American public is inclined to regard the event. The Viscount himself anticipates public opinion by the statement that he is returning to Tokyo to confer on the immigration question and that it does not follow that he will not return to Washington. One Japanese correspondent states that the Ambassador is recalled in consequence of Count Hayashi's determination to pursue a more vigorous policy with regard to the immigrant question, while Count Hayashi in an interview with a correspondent here says Viscount Aoki's presence in Tokyo will do much to hasten the settlement of the matter. Whether the Ambassador will return to America, however, is an open question, his conduct of recent negotiations not having given entire satisfaction, although it is well known he is disposed to a peaceful settlement. Viscount Aoki was formerly at Berlin, and, as that embassy is at present in charge of the first secretary—Ambassador Ito's being on his way home—the probability of Viscount Aoki being removed thither is freely spoken of.

AN IMPERIAL CHINESE VISITOR.

What with the troublesome "Kant" or Chientao dispute, Manchurian questions and other differences between Japan and China, it is perhaps too much to expect harmonious diplomatic relations between these two peoples for some years to come, but the visit of Prince Pu Lin is thoroughly welcomed by the Tokyo press, although his Highness merely comes to return the visit to the Peking Court of Prince Hiroyasu of Fusimi. Yet great results can with reason be expected. Prince Pu Lin may occupy the throne of China before many years are past, and the impressions and convictions of so exalted a Chinese, gained during a sojourn in Japan, may be of immense future benefit in the relations of the two countries. Hence from the proper point of view this is more than a visit of courtesy.

A GREAT ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT.

What is known as the Imperial Chrysanthemum Garden Party took place a few days ago, the rendezvous being the beautiful grounds of the Akasaka Palace. The adjective "beautiful" applied to these gardens is certainly the fittest, for the grounds of the palace are not only great in extent but beautiful to the eye, where magnificent old trees, covering hill and dale, shrubbery, well-kept lawns, lakes, rivulets, and rustic bridges are arranged by the hand of man for the improvement of nature. Here, every year, members of the Imperial Family, officials of the Government, the Diplomatic Corps, and prominent Japanese and foreign residents, and their ladies are invited to view the chrysanthemums cultivated in all its glory. Sad to say, there are not so many Japanese ladies present at this particular function as could be wished, the explanation being that as they are compelled by etiquette to wear foreign clothes they stay away in preference to having expensive gowns made which would probably only be worn on this particular occasion. But who can imagine a Japanese woman delightful in any other dress but her own?

EASTERN SHIPPING COMPETITION.

The Japanese Ambassador at Rome reports that the Italian Minister of Communications will introduce a Bill for the establishment of a line of steamers plying between Venice and Japan and presumably calling at way ports. More competition for the unfortunate shipping companies! The N. Y. K. has felt the effect of its fight with the N. D. L. between Hongkong and Bangkok, and nothing but a heavily subsidised line will pay in the near future. Traffic seems to be outgoing trade, but doubtless bottom will be reached before long.

THE RACING MANIA.

Among the most recent developments in Japanese enterprise is the sudden and growing popularity of race meetings, half a dozen of which in different parts of the country have sprung up within the last two months. Prior to this, the only interest taken in horses as racers in all Japan was shown at the spring and autumn meetings of the Nippon Race Club of Yokohama, a foreign institution which has held meetings regularly for many years past. But recently there have been formed duly

registered joint-stock companies which hold meetings in the neighbourhood of Tokyo, Kobe and Osaka and at present enjoy the greatest success. No less than four of these companies have their racecourses in every case well appointed for the accommodation of visitors—in the neighbourhood of Tokyo, and their meetings are crowded with enthusiastic "sportmen" and women, who perhaps would not take such keen interest in the proceedings but for the betting which is a new attraction to the gambling instinct. Ostensibly these new business concerns are formed to encourage the improvement of the horse, and the Government horse administration bureau supervises the companies to some extent.

PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS.

REFORM WITHOUT PARLIAMENT.

Paris, Nov. 14.

From Portugal one has heard recently persistent forebodings of imminent revolution, a dynastic coup d'état, even the disappearance of the monarchy itself. There are other European countries which live permanently and in apparent comfort on the brink of a revolution, but Portugal has only recently been added to the list of states which lie within the rumour-zone of picturesque possibilities. The rumour-zone has fascinations of its own; the world would be duller without it. In a smoky café in a certain Balkan town I once met a youthful journalist from Vienna who boasted with ill-concealed pride that he had been the first to send the news of Prince Ferdinand having left Bulgaria in dead of night. He said, he had only gone to visit his mother. "My story was reproduced in every Russian paper," he replied, and I felt that in the face of this corroborative evidence no reference to the subsequent course of events could carry the least weight. If the Prince chose to reappear in a few days' time with the idea of a man returning from an ordinary family visit he showed himself to be singularly ill-informed, that was all.

As regards the present situation in Portugal, the world "dictatorship" is probably responsible for much of the foreign apprehension of dramatic upheavals, and of domestic agitation are not difficult to understand when one reflects that the two historic parties are both out in the cold, and that to be out of office in Portugal means to be bereft of many fair berths and pleasant sinecures. If there were no agitation in Portugal at present one might be reasonably alarmed lest something strange and abnormal had happened to political human nature. Concerning the dictatorship one must remember that the constitutional machine in that country resembles a motor-car of imperfect construction, the mechanism of which frequently gets out of order; when this happens the only remedy is to get out and push. That is what Senhor Franco is doing at present, and other Portuguese statesmen before now have found the necessity for doing the same thing.

Apart from the Republican group, whose weight and prospects in Portuguese politics it would be extremely difficult to gauge, there are two principal parties in the State, answering not a little to the Tories and Whigs of the era just preceding that of the younger Pitt. The Regenerators (Conservatives) and the Progressives (Liberals) held office alternately for a long series of years, and apparently ruled with greater benefit to themselves and their legion of camp followers than to the country at large. In one of the Regenerators' Cabinets (1881-97), which was, by the way, a dictatorship Cabinet, Senhor Jóao Franco held office as Minister of the Interior, but he seems to have grown disgusted with the unpopularity of the public interests in which both parties rang the changes in rotation, and to have sought to found a Liberal-Regenerator group which should initiate a healthier regime. In 1905 he came into office with the vague and rather lukewarm support of the Progressives, but as his administrative energies took the unexpected form of sweeping away some of the abuses against which he had agitated in Opposition, the allegiance of his Parliamentary allies grew more and more uncertain, while his opponents grew bolder and more successfully opportunistic.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

M. R. A. S. EBRAHIMJEE being about to leave for Bombay, Mr. AHMED JOOSAB will conduct the business and sign the name of our Firm in China from This Date.

C. ABDoola & CO. Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. 1995

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN"

Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAIRAK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. 1992

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "BENALIG," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of cargo hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to re-sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 24th inst. at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBS, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. 1993

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Die amtlichen Veröffentlichungen des Konsulats Pakhoi-Hoiwoh werden im "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

Der KAISERLICHE DEUTSCHE KONSUL, H. VON VARCHMIN, Pakhoi, den 12. December 1907. 1991

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

A well educated, single LADY is required to fill the position of Clerk-in-Charge of the Central Telephone Exchange. Applications should be made in writing to the Manager, 2, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 13th December, 1907. 1996

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SITUATION as General Office Assistant by Britisher (35). Over 15 years experience. Knowledge of Shipping, Banking and Sales. Able to read and write Chinese. Speaks Amoy, Swatow, Shanghai, Canton, and Peking dialects. No objection to Outports. Apply by letter to "Box 1005." Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1993

FOR SALE.

INLAND LOT NO. 1706.

SITUATE at North Point, Shaukiwan Road, Hongkong, (next to the Metropole Hotel). The property contains by measurement 103,950 square feet. Crown Rent, \$238.00 per annum.

For further particulars, apply to GOLDRING & BARLOW, Solicitors, 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 12th September 1907. 1994

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, Hongkong.

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC-CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building, within the Western Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by members of more than one family, must be CLEANSED and LIME-WASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of November and December.

N.B.—The word "thoroughly" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase, all cubicle partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The backyard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed, but must be cleaned.

The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Cleverly Street.

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1907. 1999

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION

By ORDER of H.M. WAR OFFICE.

THE FOLLOWING

VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,

KNOWN AS INLAND LOT NUMBER 427 (SPRING GARDENS) containing an area of about 42,923

square feet and having a frontage on Queen's Road East of 228 feet, situate at Queen's Road East, Hongkong, will be Sold by

PUBLIC AUCTION

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY),

the 18th day of December, 1907, at 3 o'clock

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Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers,

at their Auction Rooms, in Des Voeux Road, Central.

The Property consists of:

All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot 427, and all buildings thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging, held under the Crown Lease thereof dated the 7th day of April, 1856, for the term of 999 years from the 29th day of July, 1856, at the annual Crown Rent of £150 Sterling (\$720), subject to the covenants and conditions contained in the lease.

For further particulars apply to

The AUCTIONEERS,

or to

DENNYS & BOWLEY,

Solicitors for the Vendors,

Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. 1854

PUBLIC AUCTION

On FRIDAY,

the 20th December, 1907, at 2.30 P.M., within

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Kowloon.

THE WHOLE of HER

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Also,

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And

A quantity of PALMS in POTS.

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HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, 13th November, 1907. 381

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 307 (Special).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

RUGGED ISLANDS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF S. W. HORN LIGHT

REFERRING to Notice to Mariners No. 290 (Special), Notice is hereby given that the LIGHT on S. W. HORN was exhibited for the first time at Sunset on the 5th December 1907.

The illuminating apparatus is Dioptric, Occulating, of the Sixth Order, showing a fixed White and Red Light varied by a single Eclipse every 20 seconds thus:

Eclipse 10 seconds.

The Light, which is situated on the western summit of the islet known as S. W. HORN, will show White, except over the Rugged Islands between the bearings of S. S. W. and N. 67° W., where it will show Red. It is elevated 354 feet above the level of the sea. In clear weather, the White Light should be visible for a distance of 15 and the Red for a distance of 8 nautical miles. Between the bearings of N. 31° W. and N. 34° W. the White Light is obscured by land.

Bearings are Magnetic and from Seaward.

The lantern surrounds the dwelling, which is 13 feet high. The total height from base to lantern vase is 23 feet. The building is painted White.

A gun Fog-signal will be established at the station at a later date. Approximate position:

Latitude 30° 35' 38" N.
Longitude 121° 57' 53" E.W. FERD. TYLER,
Coast Inspector.Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 10th December, 1907. 1883STORAGE
FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c.

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. 106

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... 697,500 0 0
II. FIRE FUNDS..... 3,886,720 19 8The Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
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Agents.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1146

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO.
OF AIX LA-CHAPELLE.THE Undersigned, having been appointed
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Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 114

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Hongkong, 13th August 1906.

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CODE WORD: "DOCK."

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NEW DOCK NOW OPEN.

DOCK No. 3.

Extreme Length... 722 feet.

Length on Blocks... 714

Width of Entrance on Top... 962

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 882

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 944

DOCK No. 1.

Extreme Length... 523 feet.

Length on Blocks... 513

Width of Entrance on Top... 88

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 944

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Extreme Length... 571 feet.

Length on Blocks... 585

Width of Entrance on Top... 66

Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53

Water on Blocks at Spring Tide 922

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Suitable for vessels up to 1,000

THE WORKS are well equipped with

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CAMPHOR.

There is much sentimental and scientific
interest attached to the very common white
looking substance which everybody knows by the name of camphor. The very
derivation of the name betokens its Eastern
origin: Arabic and Persian *kafra* (hence the
Malay *kapur*) Greek *kaphouros* and so on through
all the European languages as *casura*, *canfora*,
camphor, *camphyr*, *camphor* and many
other things.The *Borneo* or *Sumatra* camphor, got from
an order of the *diptera*, is a precious drug,
with its six sides *crystallized* and rarely obtainable.The *Borneo* or *Sumatra* camphor is got by cutting down the
tree and splitting it into pieces, the camphor
being found in small crystals in the natural
cavities of the wood. The Chinese *aspirin* has
extraordinary medicinal properties to the drug
and are willing to give fifty times as much for
it as for the ordinary camphor. It was the first
kind known in Europe, and is now the last kind

to be got there. The wood of the tree is

not uncommon in Singapore and it is one

of the joys of the Griffin to possess a camphor

wood box, in which to put his best ointments.

No lady who has ever been East is happy to go

Home unless she has at least one camphor wood

box, in which to keep the household linens.

Most excellent they are; and therefore most

descriptive, says the *Singapore Free Press*.

Half the camphor wood boxes in the Streets

are made out of a fine kind of *seraya* with

a few drops of oil of camphor poured over it; a

few chips of the real camphor wood being

artistically and negligently left in the box to

aid in the delusion.

The camphor of commerce now mostly comes

from Japan and Formosa. The wood is broken

up small and distilled with water, the vapour

rising and passing over as the crude material.

Camphor easily melts and fuses; though at a

temperature much above boiling water, and the

next little cakes which our Japanese friends

make and sell wrapped up in paper are no

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

BENALIC, British str., 2,10, Wallace, 17th Dec. London 27th Oct. & Singapore 7th Dec. General Gibb, Livingston & Co.

COOPER, British str., 2,265, T. Walker, 17th Dec. — Kuchinozu 12th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MATHILDE, German str., 231, A. Uldeker, 16th Dec. — Haiphong Dec. 14th, and Hoikow 16th, Ilse and General-Jehson & Co.

MOYUNE, British str., 3,212, 17th Dec. — Singapore 10th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

PAKHOL, British str., 1,023, French, 16th Dec. — Tientsin, Chefoo and Weihaiwei 8th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

P. R. LUIPOLD, German str., 3,20, H. Kirschner, 17th December—Yokohama Dec. 9th & Shanghai 15th, General—Meichers & Co.

RUSH, British str., 1,011, R. W. Almond, 16th December—Manila 14th Dec., General—Shaw, Tones & Co.

TAISUN, Chinese str., 1,216, Stevens, 16th Dec. — Shanghai 13th Dec., General—Chinese.

ULV, Norwegian str., 885, J. Pedersen, 17th December—Haiphong 14th Dec., Rice—Angard, Thoresen & Co.

YUNNAN, British str., 1,205, W. O. Jones, 17th December—Chefoo 11th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
17th December.

Benalig, British str., for Nagasaki.

Nippon, British str., for Niigata.

Sethi Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.
17th December.

CHIUSHING, British str., for Hongkong.

CHIUSANG, British str., for Canton.

HAITAN, British str., for Swatow.

KINGHIN, British str., for Shanghai.

KWANTAH, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

NIPPON, British str., for Shanghai.

PAKHOL, British str., for Canton.

SCUYKEL, British str., for Singapore.

SHANH, British str., for Canton.

TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Canton.

TEAN, British str., for Manila.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese str. Taishun reports: Fresh N. and N. E. winds and fine.

The British str. Benalig reports: Very strong monsoon and continuous rain.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
December 17th.

ABERDEEN DOCKS—Neil McLeod, Germania, Woolrich, Clever, Borneo, Hinsang, Ch. Horden, Keong, Pronto, COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS—Kohsichang.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."

Captain S. H. Belson, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SWANSON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1907. 1900

DAMPFSCHIFFS-RHEDEREI "UNION" ACTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT.

For NEW YORK
(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship

"ALBENGA."

Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the above Port on or about SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1907.

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Hongkong, 26th November, 1907. 1882

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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Captain Lancelin, will be despatched for MARSEILLES, on TUESDAY, the 24th December, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports and for Australia with prompt transhipment at Colombo.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

New sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. "ARMAND BEHIE" ... 7th Jan., 08

S.S. "SALAZIE" ... 21st Jan., 08

J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1907. 2

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT),

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Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL,

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LEVANT, VENICE and AEGEAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"E. FR. FERDINAND."

Capt. C. Matcovitch, will be despatched as above on or about the 26th December.

This steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor and stewardess.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

S. ANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes Building.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1907. 3

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k." nearest Hongkong "h." midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m." and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

For SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SALAZIE,"

Captain Ailland, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1907. 2

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DELTA,"

Captain C. L. Daniel, carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this for Bombay &c. on SATURDAY, the 23rd December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "INDIA," 8,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles, and London other cargo for London, &c. will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "OCEANA," due in London on 8th February, 1908.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1907. 1

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SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

Regular Steamship Service between Hongkong, CALLAO AND IQUIQUE, VIA JAPAN PORTS (Karatsu, Kobe and Yokohama) With Liberty to call at Honolulu and Salina Cruz.

Steamers Tons

"KATHARINE PARK" 5,000 On 28th Dec. NOON.

"KASATO MARU" 8,100 Sometime in March 1908.

Taking Freight and Passengers to other Eastern and Western Coast Ports of South America in connection with Steamers of the Pacific S.N.C.

K. MATSUDA, Manager, York Building.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1907. 10

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at POET DAWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.

THE Steamship

"ALDENHAM,"

Capt. St. John George, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th inst., at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to

GIBR, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1907. 1842

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THE BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA in connection with Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, 4th August, 1898.

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SHANGHAI	"KUIKIANG"	On 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
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Capt. H. KIRCHNER		
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Capt. E. M. ALCHOW		
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1907.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
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TJULATJAP.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.	JAVA PORTS	Second half of Jan.

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York Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1907.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co's Steamer

"DELHI"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their Bunkers in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 18th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1907.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"MANILA"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach me before the 25th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1907.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited;

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1907.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PATANI."

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The time of posting ordinary letters with an extra fee of 10 cents intended to be despatched by the English and French Mails to Europe has now been extended till noon.

The P. E. Friedrich, with the German mail of the 19th November, left Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Salicet, with the French mail of the 22nd Nov., left Singapore on Monday, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on Monday, the 25th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 19th Oct.

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Swatow.....
Sandakan.....

EUROPE, &c., India via TutiCorin.....
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Manila.....

Macao.....
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.....
Sandakan.....
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HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
From Dec 18th to 24th, 1907.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day of Week. Day of Month. Hongkong Mean Time. Height. Hongkong Mean Time. Height.

Wed. 18 18 5.30 1.54 3.4 1.54 3.4

Thurs. 19 19 6.00 2.36 3.5 2.36 3.5

Fri. 20 20 6.30 2.25 3.5 2.25 3.5

Sat. 21 21 7.00 2.15 3.5 2.15 3.5

Sun. 22 22 7.30 2.05 3.5 2.05 3.5

Mon. 23 23 8.00 1.95 3.5 1.95 3.5

Tues. 24 24 8.30 1.85 3.5 1.85 3.5

Barometer..... 80.16 80.26 30.15

Temperature... 67 65 64

Humidity..... 62 65 74

Wind Direction E NNE E

Force..... 2 1 2

Weather..... C 0 0

Rain..... - - -

Highest open air Temperature on 16th..... 72

Lowest open air Temperature on 16th..... 50

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Barometer 4 P.M. 4 P.M. 62

Therm. 9 A.M. 65

Therm. Maximum..... 66

Therm. 1 P.M. 66

Therm. Minimum over night..... 63

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Hongkong, December 17th.

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Registration, Kowloon 10.00 A.M.

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Letters 11.00 A.M.

Wednesday, 18th, 1.15 P.M.

Thursday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.

Thursday, 19th, 10.00 A.M.

Thursday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.

Thursday, 19th, 2.00 P.M.

Thursday, 19th, 4.00 P.M.

Printed Matter and Samples 2.00 P.M.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents up to 2.45 P.M.)

Registration, Kowloon 2.00 P.M.

No late fee.

Letters 3.00 P.M.

Thursday, 18th, 4.00 P.M.

Friday, 19th, 9.00 A.M.

Friday, 19th, 1.15 P.M.

Friday, 19th, 3.00 P.M.

Friday, 19th, 5.00 P.M.

Saturday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.

Saturday, 21st, 2.00 P.M.

Saturday, 21st, 4.00 P.M.

Saturday, 21st, 6.00 P.M.

Saturday, 21st, 8.00 P.M.

Sunday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.

No late fee.

Letters 11.00 A.M.

Tuesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.

Tuesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.